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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

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1. MARY BELL, FROM SOV FRON OFFICE, WILL BE COMING ON
TDY TO HELP OUT DURING THE VISIT. SHE IS VERY GOOD AND I
TRUST YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF HER. UNLESS
YOU NEED HER EARLIER, SHE WILL ARRIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
AND WILL STAY ON TO SATURDAY.

2. NASA IS PUTTING TOGETHER A RESPONSE TO MOSCOW 3329
AND PENDING THE FORMAL REPLY, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HELPFUL
TO KEEP STRAIGHT THE SEQUENCE OF DOCUMENTS:

--THE SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ETC, JAN.21,, 97,
COVERED THE TOPICS IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT- AND
IN ITS TEXT HAS NO TERM OF VALIDITY. - ;D

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-- AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS MARCH 16 AND 26 BETWEEN NASA AND
THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STATED THAT THE TERMS OF THE FORE-
GOING "SUMMARY" WERE AGREED TO AND COOPERATION WOULD GO FOR-
WARD ON A THREE-YEAR BASIS AS OF MARCH 26.

-- AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN NASA AND THE ACADAMY IN
MARCH 1974 EXTENDED THE COOPERATION FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS,

I.E. THROUGH MARCH 26, 1977. - HREE YEARS,

IN EFFECT, THE SO-CALLED JANUARY 1971 AGREEMENT WAS AGREED TO IN MARCH 1971. ALTHOUGH THIS AGREEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BLESSED BY THE 1972 SUMMIT AGREEMENT, NASA PERSISTS IN PROCEEDING ON PARALLEL TRACKS, AGENCY-TO-AGENCY. THE LETTER YOU HAVE DATED FEB. 8 FROM LOVELACE IS ADDRESS TO THE RENEWAL OF THE JAN (MARCH?) 1971 AGREEMENT. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, WHICH WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN ABLE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT, ARE BEING POUCHED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE TIMING OF NEXT WEEK'S CIVIL AIR AND MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS JUST BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S TRIP, WE WILL WANT SOME INDICATION BY FRIDAY MORNING THROUGH THIS CHANNEL IF NECESSARY, BUT BETTER IN THE OPEN--OF HOW THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING, SO THAT THE SECRETARY'S PARTY CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW THINGS STAND BEFORE IT DEPARTS. FURTHER BRIEFINGS CAN, OF COURSE, TAKE PLACE WHEN THE PARTY GETS TO MOSCOW. WE HAVE LEFT BLANKS IN THE BRIEFING BOOKS FOR THESE TWO ISSUES, AND PAPERS MAY HAVE TO BE DONE IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEKEND. MICHAEL DIXON CAN, OF COURSE, HELP ON A CIVAIR PAPER AND ANDY PURNELL OF EB--WHO WILL BE ON THE MARITIME DELEGATION--CAN ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

4. STATE-USIA CABLE ON VOA WENT OUT TONIGHT. WE HOPE YOU WILL TREAT IT AS A HUNTING LICENSE.
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